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TAGS PGOV, PREL, PTER, PK, AF
SUBJECT: GOP DENIES AGREEMENT TO TRANSFER BERADAR TO
AFGHANISTAN; LAHORE HIGH COURT INTERVENES
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Classified By: Anne W. Patterson for reasons 1.4 (b) (d)

1. (C) Summary: On February 26, the Lahore High Court reportedly barred the Government of Pakistan (GOP) from extraditing Mullah Beradar and f
The LHC Steps Intervenes in Beradar Case

12. (C) The Lahore High Court (LHC) on February 26 reportedly issued an order barring the extradition of Mullah Beradar and four other individu
13. (U) Khawaja claims that the detention of the Taliban Afghan in Pakistani custody is against the law, violating Article 4, 10, and 11 of the

14. (U) In the petition, Khawaja asks the LHC to "restrain" the GOP from &handing over or escorting the detenus/accused...to America, Afghanist
No GOP Assurances at Tripartite of Beradar Transfer

15. (C) The Beradar arrest was raised at a February 24 tripartite meeting of FBI Director Robert Mueller, Minister Rehman Malik of the Pakistar

16. (C) In the meeting, Malik provided a list of Pakistan's Most Wanted to Atmar, and requested the same from Atmar. Malik named one of the Mos
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that both countries had expressed interest in passing prisoner lists naming the nationals of one country being detained by the other country. 2

17. (C) Atmar highlighted that three Afghan Taliban leaders, including Mullah Beradar, had been recently detained in Pakistan and advised that

18. (C) The two ministers agreed that, in regards to prisoners, the countries needed to draft an agreement to exchange prisoners. Malik agreed

19. (C) Director Mueller strongly suggested that, as the two countries moved forward, the "prisoner" and "Most Wanted" lists should not be made
Malik Denies GOP Agreement to Transfer Beradar

10. (C) Given all the confusing press reporting, Ambassador contacted Minster Rehman Malik in Dubai on February 26 to ask if there was anythir

11. (C) Malik claimed Atmar had jumped the gun to the press with his suggestion that some agreement had been reached. Malik said he had told t

12. (C) Ambassador asked Interior Secretary (Deputy Minister), Qamar Zaman, the same question on February 26. He was fairly certain that the c

13. (C) Comment: The tripartite meeting was a follow up to the earlier May 2009 meeting in Washington. It made progress on a number of fronts,

14. (C) Comment Cont'd: As most of our readers know, the presence of Baloch separatists Bramdagh Bugti in Afghanistan has long been a neuralgi
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government, especially those who control Beradar's fate--Kayani and Pasha--would willingly lose control of such a huge potential propaganda paw

15. (C) Comment Cont'd: To state the obvious, the consistent press leaks in the media about American intelligence operations in the U.S. have